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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS &  
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS  
RECORDS, 1944-1962**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Examiners Records span the period 1889 through 1988. Both agencies were created to insure the quality of health care through the licensure and regulation of health professionals, with emphasis on the health of the state's entire population. Other duties of the boards were to certify qualified applicants, and to take disciplinary action when standards were violated. Both agencies currently serve as advisory boards to the Tennessee Department of Health.

The collection consists of 18 volumes of miscellaneous records covering the various aspects of the board. Included are records of expenditures from 1937 through 1971; minutes of the annual meetings of both boards; and reciprocity books. The important portion of the collections is the volumes dealing specifically with the licensing of physicians. The Physician's License book (vol.8) includes information on the education of the physician, date of graduation, and area where the physician practiced. Occasionally there are death dates included in the records. There are also records of Tennessee physicians endorsed by the board to practice in other states, as well as lists of retired and restored licenses.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

- 1     Ledger Books – Expenditures, Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1937-1938
- 2     Ledger Books – Expenditures, Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1941-1947
- 3     Ledger Books – Expenditures, Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1952-1971
- 4     Minutes – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1903-1940
- 5     Minutes – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1941-1960
- 6     Physicians Endorsed to Practice in Other States, 1953-1964
- 7     Physicians Endorsed to Practice in Other States, 1964-1971
- 8     Physicians' License Book, 1889-1903
- 9     Receipt Book – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1974-1976
- 10    Receipt Book – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1977-1978
- 11    Reciprocity Books – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1931-1953
- 12    Reciprocity Books – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1953-1967
- 13    Reciprocity Books – Tennessee State Board of Medical Examiners, 1956-1972
- 14    License Book – Tennessee State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1905-1920
- 15    License Book – Tennessee State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1913-1942
- 16    Minutes – Tennessee State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1905-1955
- 17    Minutes – Tennessee State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1956-1988
- 18    Retired and Restored Licenses' Book – Tennessee State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, 1952-1956